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Checking In

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Please say hello to some of our newest members!

Christine Fischer writes:

An early position as a government documents and reference librarian included responsibility for acquisitions (though not financial activity, since the documents were free), serials, and cataloging. That experience led me to working in technical services. I currently serve as head of Technical Services at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where I have been employed for twelve years. My involvement with the North Carolina Serials Conference introduced me to two NASIG members, Xiaoyan Song and Angela Dresselhaus. Because of their interest in the organization, I chose to join as well. The opportunities for continuing education will enrich my work life.

Madeline Kelly joined NASIG in December, inspired by her experience at the 32nd annual conference in Indianapolis and the collegiality of fellow Virginia librarian (and former NASIG president) Anna Creech. Kelly has worked in collections since 2013, seeking out communities like NASIG that specialize in today's collections issues. She recently relocated from the East

Coast to the Pacific Northwest to serve as director of collections at Western Washington University.

Vesselina Stoytcheva writes:

I am a librarian at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) Library. My responsibilities include cataloging library materials, online catalog management, ILS module implementation, serials management, and quite a few other tasks, mainly in technical services. I have recently worked on enhancements of periodical collection records and their display in the online public access catalog. I am also involved in the market research, selection process, and future implementation of a discovery layer and e-book collections in the library.

My recent projects naturally led me to join NASIG. I am looking forward to getting to know and learn from other members of the organization.

Before joining the OCC Library in 2015, I managed a small business for library support services and was directly involved in cataloging projects in eastern and western European languages. I hold a master of science in library science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master of arts degree in Russian language and literature with a minor in French language.

I moved from Sofia, Bulgaria, to the United States in 1997 with my family. I chose to pursue librarianship as a career in this country and never regretted my decision; just the opposite, I am really happy I made it. In Bulgaria I was a teacher, a translator/editor, and a publisher.

I am also a member of ALA/ALCTS, SLA, Potomac Technical Processing Librarians, and the National Press Club.